

# West Hartford

## Connecticut

Town Hall  
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*Belongs to*  
Hartford County  
Hartford Labor Market Area  
Capitol Area Economic Dev. Region  
Capitol Region Planning Area

Incorporated in 1854

### Demographics

|                                |             |               |              | <i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>         |              |               |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Population (1998)</i>       | <i>Town</i> | <i>County</i> | <i>State</i> |                                      | <i>Town</i>  | <i>County</i> | <i>State</i> |
| 1980                           | 61,306      | 807,769       | 3,107,580    | White                                | 49,424       | 633,007       | 2,648,212    |
| 1990                           | 60,110      | 851,783       | 3,287,116    | Black                                | 1,380        | 84,182        | 274,213      |
| 1998                           | 55,995      | 824,956       | 3,271,239    | Asian Pacific                        | 2,473        | 18,711        | 73,304       |
| 2003                           | 53,984      | 811,828       | 3,272,149    | Native American                      | 35           | 1,196         | 5,952        |
| '98-'03 Growth                 | -3.59%      | -1.59%        | 0.03%        | Other                                | 96           | 1,531         | 5,336        |
|                                |             |               |              | Hispanic (any race)                  | 2,587        | 86,329        | 264,222      |
| Land Area (sq. miles)          | 21.98       | 735.50        | 4,845        | <i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>           | 3.63%        | 7.90%         | 6.61%        |
| Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)          | 2,547.54    | 1,121.63      | 653          | <i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i> |              |               |              |
| Per Capita Inc. (1998)         | \$34,040    | \$24,032      | \$27,078     | Persons Age 25 or Older              | <i>Town</i>  | <i>%</i>      | <i>State</i> |
| Households (1998)              | 22,352      | 315,031       | 1,229,087    | High School Graduate                 | 8,923        | 20.6%         | 648,366      |
| Median Age (1997)              | 42.7        | 37.4          | 37.2         | Some College                         | 8,752        | 20.2%         | 495,696      |
|                                |             |               |              | Bachelors or More                    | 20,259       | 46.8%         | 597,693      |
| <i>Age Distribution (1998)</i> |             |               |              |                                      |              |               |              |
|                                | <i>0-4</i>  | <i>5-17</i>   | <i>18-24</i> | <i>25-49</i>                         | <i>50-64</i> | <i>65+</i>    | <i>Total</i> |
| Male                           | 1,462 6%    | 4,234 17%     | 1,966 8%     | 8,994 35%                            | 4,321 17%    | 4,596 18%     | 25,573       |
| Female                         | 1,430 5%    | 3,903 13%     | 2,223 7%     | 9,801 32%                            | 5,114 17%    | 7,951 26%     | 30,422       |
| County Total                   | 53,562 6%   | 137,485 17%   | 68,473 8%    | 316,772 38%                          | 126,906 15%  | 121,758 15%   | 824,956      |
| State Total                    | 216,119 7%  | 550,400 17%   | 280,101 9%   | 1,257,928 38%                        | 499,093 15%  | 467,598 14%   | 3,271,239    |

### Economics

| <i>Business Profile (1997)</i> |              |                   |             |                   | <i>% of</i>                            |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| <i>Sector</i>                  | <i>Firms</i> | <i>% of Total</i> | <i>Emp.</i> | <i>% of Total</i> | <i>Amount</i>                          | <i>Total</i>       |
| Agriculture                    | 44           | 1.5%              | 285         | 1.1%              | \$17,590,270                           | 0.47%              |
| Const. and Mining              | 362          | 12.5%             | 1,463       | 5.4%              | \$17,120,940                           | 0.46%              |
| Manufacturing                  | 123          | 4.2%              | 3,136       | 11.6%             | \$16,465,250                           | 0.44%              |
| Trans. And Utilities           | 69           | 2.4%              | 1,134       | 4.2%              | \$15,612,100                           | 0.42%              |
| Trade                          | 586          | 20.2%             | 5,061       | 18.8%             | \$15,513,860                           | 0.41%              |
| Finance, Ins. and Real Estate  | 313          | 10.8%             | 1,815       | 6.7%              | Grand List Total (1996)                | \$3,745,376,365    |
| Services                       | 1,397        | 48.1%             | 12,545      | 46.5%             | <i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i> |                    |
| Government                     | 13           | 0.4%              | 1,520       | 5.6%              | University of Hartford                 | Board of Education |
| Total                          | 2,907        | 100.0%            | 26,959      | 100.0%            | Colt's Manufacturing                   | Wiremold Co.       |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   | Town of West Hartford                  |                    |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   | <i>Town</i>                            | <i>State</i>       |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   | <i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>             | \$614,051,691      |
|                                |              |                   |             |                   |  | \$30,837,967,729   |

### Education

| <i>1995-1996 School Year</i>       |              |                  |  | <i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i> |              |                |              |                |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                    | <i>Town</i>  | <i>State</i>     |  | <i>Grade 4</i>                                     |              | <i>Grade 6</i> |              | <i>Grade 8</i> |              |
| Total Students                     | 8,617        | 461,203          |  | <i>Town</i>  | <i>State</i> | <i>Town</i>    | <i>State</i> | <i>Town</i>    | <i>State</i> |
| Total Expenditures Per Pupil       | \$8,164      | \$8,300          |  | Reading  | 66 55        | 67 60          | 73 64        |                |              |
| Average Teacher's Salary           | \$50,874     | \$48,598         |  | Math   | 61 59        | 57 52          | 58 51        |                |              |
| Students Attending Public School   | 68.4%        | 89.2%            |  | Writing  | 51 46        | 59 46          | 68 51        |                |              |
| Student/Teacher Ratio              | 14.4         | 14.5             |  |  |              |                |              |                |              |
| Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education | 91.8%        | 75.8%            |  | <i>Average SAT Score</i>                           | <i>Town</i>  | <i>State</i>   |              |                |              |
| High School Dropout Rate           | 2.1%         | 4.6%             |  | Verbal   | 535          | 503            |              |                |              |
| <i>Average Class Size</i>          |              |                  |  | Math   | 535          | 499            |              |                |              |
| Kindergarten 20.2                  | Grade 2 18.4 |                  |  |  |              |                |              |                |              |
| Grade 5 21.5                       | Grade 7 23.5 | High School 20.7 |  |  |              |                |              |                |              |

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### Government

|                           |                  |                                |                 |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Government Form           | Council- Manager | Annual Debt Service (1996)     | \$6,768,772     |
|                           |                  | As % of Expenditures           | 5.9%            |
| Total Revenue (1996)      | \$123,511,511    | Equalized Grand List (1996)    | \$4,528,005,889 |
| Tax Revenue               | \$108,102,300    | Per Capita                     | \$80,365        |
| Non-tax Revenue           | \$4,169,335      | As % of State Average          | 103.1%          |
| Intergovernmental         | \$11,239,876     | Date of Last Revaluation       | 10/ 1/89        |
| Per Capita Tax (1996)     | \$1,832          | Moody's Bond Rating (1997)     | Aaa             |
| As % of State Average     | 128.7%           | Actual Mill Rate (1997)        | 30.08           |
|                           |                  | Equalized Mill Rate (1996)     | 23.85           |
|                           |                  | % of Grand List Com/Ind (1995) | 14.9%           |
| Total Expenditures (1996) | \$114,360,231    |                                |                 |
| Education                 | \$68,436,018     |                                |                 |
| Other                     | \$45,924,213     |                                |                 |
| Total Indebtness (1996)   | \$42,668,300     |                                |                 |
| As % of Expenditures      | 37.3%            |                                |                 |
| Per Capita                | \$757            |                                |                 |
| As % of State Average     | 72.8%            |                                |                 |

### Housing

| Housing Stock (1997)     | Town      | County    | State     | Sales Price Distribution (1996) | Town   | County  | State   |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Existing Units (total)   | 25,261    | 353,247   | 1,374,566 | Number of Sales                 |        |         |         |
| % Single Unit            | 70.0%     | 59.3%     | 62.9%     | Less than \$100,000             | 312    | 5,843   | 22,254  |
| New Permits Auth. (1997) | 9         | 2,246     | 9,349     | \$100,001-\$200,000             | 613    | 5,470   | 20,713  |
| As % Existing Units      | 0.04%     | 0.64%     | 0.68%     | \$200,001-\$300,000             | 135    | 1,158   | 6,600   |
| Demolitions (1997)       | 0         | 236       | 1,193     | \$300,001-\$400,000             | 45     | 293     | 2,730   |
| Residential Sales (1996) | 1,128     | 13,027    | 56,333    | \$400,001 or More               | 23     | 263     | 4,036   |
| Average Price            | \$164,855 | \$141,257 | \$194,596 | 1996 Characteristics            |        |         |         |
| Median Price             | \$145,000 | \$123,500 | \$138,000 | Owner Occupied Dwellings        | 17,599 | 203,609 | 807,559 |
|                          |           |           |           | Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950    | 47.2%  | 32.6%   | 33.9%   |
|                          |           |           |           | Subsidized Housing Units        | 1,297  | 45,714  | 148,930 |

### Labor Force

| 1997                | Town   | County  | State     | Commuters (1990)         |                |               |      |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------|
| Labor Force         | 27,225 | 421,856 | 1,723,300 | Commuters into Town from | Town Residents | Commuting to  |      |
| Employed            | 26,083 | 398,219 | 1,635,400 | 1. West Hartford         | 7207           | Hartford      | 9868 |
| Unemployed          | 1,142  | 23,637  | 87,900    | 2. Hartford              | 4134           | West Hartford | 7207 |
| Unemployment Rate   | 4.2%   | 5.6%    | 5.1%      | 3. New Britain           | 1917           | Farmington    | 1602 |
| Total Employment    | 26,390 | 489,360 | 1,581,700 | 4. Newington             | 1402           | Bloomfield    | 1446 |
| Manufacturing       | 3,330  | 66,350  | 265,850   | 5. East Hartford         | 1059           | East Hartford | 907  |
| '92-'97 Growth Rate | 1.9%   | 0.4%    | 4.3%      | 6. Bristol               | 890            | Newington     | 764  |
| Daytime Population  | 31,246 | 553,573 | 1,740,247 | 7. Farmington            | 742            | New Britain   | 662  |
|                     |        |         |           | 8. Bloomfield            | 690            | Windsor       | 534  |
|                     |        |         |           | 9. Manchester            | 659            | Middletown    | 449  |
|                     |        |         |           | 10. Simsbury             | 647            | Rocky Hill    | 369  |

### Quality of Life

| Town                       | State | Library (1996-1997) | Town                     | Residential Utilities |                           |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Banks (1997)               | 31    | 1,378               | Total Volumes            | 300,527               | Electric Provider         |
| Lodging (1997)             | 4     | 756                 | Circulation Per Capita   | 15.0                  | Connecticut Light & Power |
| Day Care Facilities (1998) | 35    | 1,651               |                          |                       | 1-800-286-2000            |
| Infant Mortality Rate      |       |                     | Distance to Major Cities | Miles                 | Gas Provider              |
| Per 1,000 Res. (1995)      | 0.715 | 0.099               | Hartford                 | 4                     | CTG Resources             |
| Crime Rate (1996)          |       |                     | Boston                   | 98                    | 860-727-3000              |
| Per 1,000 Residents        | 36.7  | 40                  | New York City            | 98                    | Water Provider            |
| % Open Land (1990)         | 27.2% | 68.8%               | Providence               | 69                    | Municipal Provider        |
|                            |       |                     |                          |                       | Contact local provider    |
| Hospitals (1997)           | 0     | 9                   |                          |                       | Cable Provider            |
| Total Beds                 | 0     | 2,602               |                          |                       | TCI Cable of Central CT   |
|                            |       |                     |                          |                       | 860-505-6248              |